

FERN AVENUE FACULTY HOLD YULETIDE PARTY

Fern Avenue School faculty had a pre-Christmas get-together recently with dinner at Seymour's "Smorgasbord" in Hermosa Beach followed by an evening of singing and games at the home of Mrs. Helen C. Selover on Bailey drive.

Decorations and favors carried out the Christmas motif. Place cards were Christmas cards picked to suit the personality of each person present, as well as cards with verses describing the character of each one. These were composed by Mrs. Dorothea Balloch, third grade teacher.

Gifts were presented to A. N. Posner, principal and Mrs. Selover, clerk, by the teachers. Posner, in accepting his gift, thanked those who worked hard getting the party organized and expressed his appreciation for the fine cooperation of all during the school year.

Mrs. Selover told those present how grateful she is for the opportunity of working with the teachers and that she had not realized how much they have of themselves and their time. She also said she wished every parent had her opportunity of seeing children blossom out through the love and understanding given by the teacher.

Those enjoying the evening were Albert N. Posner, Melvin Osborne, Bob Harrison, Fred Murnby, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Balloch, Mmes. Lois Gongwer, Emily Young, Floy Boland, Ruby Cline, Eva Thomas, Dorothea Hodges, Edna Wright, Helen Selover and the Misses Maxine

BARBARA LOCK HONORED AT TWO WEDDING SHOWERS

Two showers were given for Miss Barbara Lock recently before her marriage Sunday, Dec. 14 to Charles Weir Henderson. Mrs. Richard Rojo and Mrs. Charles Rippey, Jr., were hostesses for a miscellaneous shower for the bride-elect attended by Mmes. Guy DeWitt, Raymond Royce, William Rodgers, Don Moyer, Miss Betty Johnson and Miss Pat Townsend. Refreshments were served after the honoree received many lovely gifts.

A cake decorated in pink and white with "Barbara and Weir" inscribed on the top was cut at a shower given for Miss Lock by Miss Betty Johnson, maid of honor. Guests were Mmes. Chas. Henderson, William Lock, Leonard Lock, Ernest Lock, Frank Winterburg, Bryn Rees, William Marsh, Hampton Deatridge and Miss Diane Rees.

White chrysanthemums and tall white tapers decorated the silver-set table. Gifts were received by Miss Lock from guests unable to attend.

Yule Decorations Brighten Scene Of Bethel 50 Party

Tables bright with holly and candles surrounded by multi-colored Christmas balls, and a large tree greeted Job's Daughters, Bethel 50 of Torrance, at their annual Christmas party Tuesday Dec. 16 at the Masonic Temple.

Portraying jolly St. Nicholas, Estill Cline visited the group, while gifts were exchanged by the members.

Miss Pat Cline accompanied the group at the piano and Christmas carols were sung. Serving refreshments were Mrs. Roline Bever, promoter of hospitality, and the Misses Dolores Ulbright, Hazel Davis, Joyce Bever and Elsie Booth.

Womens Activities



JOBS DAUGHTERS . . . Scene of the recent installation of Jobs Daughters, Bethel No. 50 of Torrance was the Masonic Temple. Pictured are first row, left to right: Walter Evans, associate guardian; Mary Schultz, Joy Oursler, Joann Sandstrom, Dorothy Waring, new honored Queen; Charise McNeas, jewel bearer; Wilma McBride, past honored Queen; Marlene Quaggin, Patricia Cline, and Mrs. Gladys Evans, guardian. Second row, left to right: Nancy Cunningham, Mary McDonald, Donna Pat Wolf, Donna Mauk, Donna Baer, Cecilia Bidwell, Nancy Allen, Helen J. McBride, Jane Fischer, and Georgelynn Thatcher. Third row, left to right: Janice Crabtree, Elsie Booth, Claudette Buckley, Hazel Davis, Jean Tallow, Marilyn Finch, Emily Burchfield, Barbara Raymond, Shirley Booth, Joyce Bever, Dolores Ulbright, Beverly Luster, Mary Lou Hovid, and Fay Ann Olsen. (Photo by Homer Morgan).

ROYAL NEIGHBORS CHOOSE LEADERS FOR NEXT YEAR

Torrance Camp 8908, Royal Neighbors of America, held an election of new officers and filled appointive offices recently as follows:

Mmes. Bertha Alcorn, oracle; Margaret Stevens, past oracle; Angelina Disario, vice oracle; Mary Baker, recorder; Mary Conner, receiver; Ione Steele, chancellor; Lottie Phillips, inner sentinel; Cora Hill, outer sentinel; Lucille Myers, piano; Martha Cooper, flag bearer; Mae West, marshal; Mary Bevington, assistant marshal; Vertie Grimm, captain of degree; and the three graces: Zoe Deithers, faith; Stelma Norris, unselfishness; Peggy Peck, courage; Marie Welker, modesty; Margaret Nichols, endurance; Elsie Smith, Marie Koshack and Jessie L. McCormick, managers.

Fifty members were present at a Christmas turkey dinner Tuesday evening, Dec. 16, when gifts were exchanged in the holiday spirit.

200 ATTEND HOLLY HOP AT HIGH SCHOOL

Two hundred students and members of the faculty of Torrance High School attended the "Holly Hop," a noon-hour dance supported Wednesday, Dec. 17, by the Girls Athletic Association.

A prize of a large red stocking filled with candy bars and fruit went to Virginia Shew, for guessing correctly the "Santa Claus" who toured the classrooms before the dance was in reality Marilyn Byllesby. Santa threw candy to the students and slips of paper on which they were to guess his true identity.

The gymnasium was decorated in the Christmas theme with a tree donated by Bengta Nelson and colored crepe paper. Refreshments of Christmas cookies and punch were served to the guests.

Nancy Whyte, president of the G.A.A., and her cabinet arranged the dance with the assistance of the physical education teachers, Miss June Cope and Miss Doris Avis.

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CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, DEC. 23

TORRANCE TERRACE GARDEN CLUB outdoor lighting contest, Torrance and surrounding areas.

WALTERA CIVIC ORGANIZATION community party for children, Waltera school.

PAGEANT AND PROGRAM, "Vision of the Holy Grail," YVCA group at Lomita Flight Strip, 8 p.m., community center.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24

PUEBLO CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, Pueblo Center.

SATURDAY, DEC. 27

SOCIAL NIGHT . . . Torrance High School and Junior High School students, 7:30 p.m., High School gymnasium.

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Santa paid a special visit to Torrance High School on Thursday afternoon to attend a Christmas party held by the faculty members and administrative staff. Guests of the party were the clerks in the three offices.

The party was held in the Home Economics department which was gayly decorated with red and green streamers and pine cones. Festivities started at 3 p.m., when Santa Claus, portrayed by C. B. Steele, appeared to bring his best wishes and distribute gifts to each one present.

Refreshments consisting of a white Christmas cake, tea, coffee and candy were served. The table was decorated with poinsettias and candles.

Chairman of the party was Miss Frances Lawrence. She was assisted by Miss Mabel Kloster, Miss Doris Avis, Furman Applegate and Mrs. Hilja Smythe.

After exchanging and opening gifts, everyone gathered to exchange Christmas yarns.

300 ATTEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Three hundred persons attended the Christmas program given for the P.T.A. by students of Torrance Elementary School last Tuesday evening at the school.

Superintendent of Schools J. Henrich Hull spoke briefly before the program opened, greeting parents and friends.

The junior choir of the First Christian church, directed by Mrs. Lin Branum, sang carols. Depicting various Christmas tableaux, children from the rooms of the following teachers participated:

Mrs. Marcia McCloskey, Mrs. Gertrude Powell, Miss Alma Nelson, Miss Lynn Jackson, Miss Doris Lindsey, Mrs. Dora Jane Freeman, Mrs. Eva Barnett, Mrs. Margaret Hodgson, Mrs. Marcia Memmuer, Mrs. Betty Huizing, Mrs. Amelia Grace, Mrs. Valda Murphy, Miss Joan Graves, Mrs. Mabel Holt and Robert Schirmer.

Soloists were Carl Irwin, Edward Powell and Joe Lafferty. Stage hands were Carol Williamson, Henrietta Sanchez, Sammy Held, Arthur Alderete, Gary Pinkham and Kenneth Mischke.

Elementary P.T.A. Room Mothers Help Organize Parties

Torrance Elementary P.T.A. room mothers assisted in giving Christmas parties in each classroom Friday afternoon before school was dismissed for the holidays.

Kindergarten and first grade classes presented plays and sang carols in special programs for their mothers.

All rooms enjoyed entertainment and refreshments, and many rooms exchanged gifts around their Christmas trees.

A few classes elected to place jars in their rooms and to donate money they would have spent on gifts to build up a fund for Navajo Indian relief.

IT'S A BUSY CHRISTMAS SEASON FOR TORRANCE

Christmas is the best time of the year in the minds of the children who fall asleep Christmas eve waiting for Santa's arrival, the fathers who play with Junior's electric train all day Dec. 25, and the mothers who hover between the oven, Christmas tree, and the front door where holiday guests constantly ring the bell.

In Torrance as throughout the nation the Yuletide festival will be celebrated by reunions, open houses, quiet family dinners, and trips to visit friends and relatives over the holidays.

Among those going out of town for Christmas are Mr. and Mrs. R. Sandstrom, 1514 Madrid avenue, and their children, Virginia and Michael, who will spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fenimore, Mrs. Sandstrom's parents, in La Crescenta.

Holiday visitors include Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sevald and son Johnny of Royal Oak, Mich., who arrived Monday to spend a three-week vacation with Mrs. Sevald's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Loran, 1448 Post avenue.

Also visiting are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Murray, 1912 Andree avenue; Mrs. Margie Scofield, Mrs. Chas. Holcomb and her daughter, Miss Priscilla Holcomb.

It will be open house at the Robert Plomert, Jr.'s home at 2964 S. Hubert avenue, Los Angeles, at 7 p.m., Saturday evening when many Torrance friends will drop in to exchange holiday greetings. The gay invitations read: "When our door swings open wide, there'll be good, good friends inside, and holiday cheer for everyone. So won't you come and join our fun."

The immediate family and

TORRANCE P.T.A. HEADS ATTEND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Executive board of the First District P.T.A. Council held its annual Christmas party last week at Downey, with Mrs. J. S. Brown, president, in charge.

Those attending from Torrance were: Mesdames W. E. Bowen, Torrance council president; Mrs. W. C. Graham, first vice president; Perry P.T.A., and P.T.A. presidents Mmes. Elmer S. Moon, Torrance Elementary School, and Mrs. A. C. Turner, Torrance High School.

Mrs. G. W. Lühr of Oakland, first vice president of California Congress of Parents and Teachers, will be the guest speaker Thursday, Jan. 22 at the First District P.T.A. Council meeting in El Monte Union High School. "Foundations of Family Living" will be her topic.

The Torrance council recently was made a member of the First District, which now has reached a membership of 143, 036.

Brownie Troop 409 Gathers For Yule Party At Barbecue

Brownies from Troop 409, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club, gathered recently for a Christmas party in the barbecue at 1223 Beech ave. with their mothers, Mrs. George Bradford, A. leader and Mrs. Edmond Welton, co-leader.

Refreshments were served at a table decorated with a small Christmas tree and a fire blazed in the fireplace.

Nancy Welton and Peggy Sprout read Christmas poems, and Frances Stone read a Yuletide story. All the girls sang "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "Jingle Bells," "Silent Night" and "White Christmas" for their mothers.

Will Be Given Here In January

Two Girl Scout courses will be offered to Torrance residents in January, according to the director, Mrs. Mark Wright.

A course on advanced Brownie training will be given by Mrs. John Kirsch Jan. 7 and 8 in the Lomita Scout house. A workshop will start at 9:30 a.m., Jan. 14 in the Scout house and will continue through eight Wednesdays.

The next neighborhood meeting will be held Jan. 5, Mrs. Wright announced.

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